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CLAIMS

1.-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) A transport container, ~~preferably made of plastic material,~~
~~especially for vegetables, fruit and the like,~~ with a floorboard (2) ~~and several, preferably four, and~~
a plurality of collapsible side walls (3, 4, 5, 6) that are arranged circumferentially on the
floorboard (2) and can be folded down onto it, where the collapsible side walls (3, 4, 5, 6) can be
fastened to each other in the upright position by means of a fastening mechanism (7, 4) provided
on adjacent side walls (3, 5; 3, 6; 5, 4; 5, 6) in which a fastening bolt (15) of fastener (7) the
fastening mechanism on one side wall (3, 5) can engage with a recess in the adjacent side wall (4,
6), characterized in that the fastener (7) comprises ~~or operates~~ a displaceable element (16) that is
essentially accommodated in the side wall (3, 5) and can be displaced against the force of an
elastic spring element (14), the elastic spring element contained within the fastening mechanism.

10. (Currently amended) ~~A- The transport container in accordance with~~ of Claim 9,
characterized in that the displaceable element (16) can be operated both from the outside and the
inside of the side wall (3, 5).

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A- The~~ transport container in accordance with Claim 9,
characterized in that the fastener (7) is inserted in a cutout (18) in the side wall (3, 5).

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A- The~~ transport container in accordance with Claim 9,
characterized in that the fastening bolt (15) is preset in the fastened position by the force of the
elastic spring element (14).

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13. (Currently Amended) A- The transport container in accordance with Claim 9, characterized in that the elastic spring element (14) is arranged on the displaceable element (16), where the displaceable element (16) is connected with the side wall (3, 5) via the elastic spring element.

14. (Currently Amended) A- The transport container in accordance with Claim 9, characterized in that the fastener (7) also comprises a holder plate (19) that is arranged in a fixed position in the side wall (3, 5), where the said holder plate (19) is connected to the displaceable element (16) via the elastic element (14).

15. (Currently Amended) A- The transport container in accordance with Claim 14, characterized in that the holder plate (19) extends only over a part of the displaceable element (16), preferably over about two thirds of the displaceable element (16).

16. (Currently Amended) A- The transport container in accordance with Claim 9, characterized in that the fasteners (7) terminates substantially flush with the inside or the outside of the side wall (3, 5).

17. (Currently Amended) A- The transport container in accordance with Claim 9, characterized in that the fastening bolt (15) is provided with a contact surface (25) and an oblique surface (26), where the contact surface (25) comes to be situated in the recess (24) when in the fastened position, so that the side walls (3, 4, 5, 6) cannot be detached from each other without operating the displaceable element (16), while the oblique surface (26) makes it possible for the fastening bolt to glide over the adjacent side wall (3, 4, 5, 6).

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18. (Currently Amended) ~~A- The~~ transport container in accordance with Claim 9, characterized in that the fastener (7) is held ~~and/or guided~~ in the fastener cutout (18) by notch elements (20, 21) ~~in the form of projection, stay and the like.~~

19. (Currently Amended) ~~A- The~~ transport container in accordance with Claim 9, characterized in that the elastic element (14) consists of an essentially S-shaped spring.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~A- The~~ transport container in accordance with Claim 9, characterized in that the displaceable element (16) is provided either with a gripping means trough (13) on both sides. ~~or a gripping opening passing right through the element.~~

21. (Currently Amended) ~~A- The~~ transport container in accordance with Claim 9, characterized in that the displaceable element (16) is designed as a frame body that is essentially rectangular, ~~though preferably rounded on one side,~~ the width of the said frame body corresponding to the width of the side wall (3, 5) in which the displaceable element is accommodated.

22. (Currently Amended) ~~A- The~~ transport container in accordance with Claim 9, characterized in that fastener (7) is made as a single piece from plastic material.

23. (New) A transport container with a floorboard and a plurality of collapsible side walls that are arranged circumferentially on the floorboard and can be folded down onto it, where the collapsible side walls can be fastened to each other in the upright position by means of a fastening mechanism provided on adjacent side walls in which a fastening bolt of the fastening mechanism on one side wall can engage with a recess in the adjacent side wall,

characterized in that the fastener comprises or operates a displaceable element that is essentially accommodated in the side wall and can be displaced against the force of an elastic spring element, the displaceable element operable from either the inside or the outside of the container.

24. (New) The transport container in accordance with Claim 23 characterized in that the fastener is inserted in a cutout in the side wall.

25. (New) The transport container in accordance with Claim 24 characterized in that the fastening bolt is preset in the fastened position by the force of the elastic spring element.

26. (New) The transport container in accordance with Claim 25, characterized in that the elastic spring element is arranged on the displaceable element, where the displaceable element is connected with the side wall via the elastic spring element.

27. (New) The transport container in accordance with Claim 26, characterized in that the fastener also comprises a holder plate that is arranged in a fixed position in the side wall, where the said holder plate is connected to the displaceable element via the elastic element.

28. (New) The transport container in accordance with Claim 27, characterized in that the holder plate extends only over a part of the displaceable element.

29. (New) The transport container in accordance with Claim 28, characterized in that the fasteners terminates substantially flush with the inside or the outside of the side wall.

30. (New) The transport container in accordance with Claim 29, characterized in that the fastening bolt is provided with a contact surface and an oblique surface, where the contact

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surface comes to be situated in the recess when in the fastened position, so that the side walls cannot be detached from each other without operating the displaceable element, while the oblique surface makes it possible for the fastening bolt to glide over the adjacent side wall.

31. (New) The transport container in accordance with Claim 30, characterized in that the fastener is held in the fastener cutout by notch elements.

32. (New) The transport container in accordance with Claim 31, characterized in that the elastic element consists of an essentially S-shaped spring.

33. (New) The transport container in accordance with Claim 32, characterized in that the displaceable element is provided either with a gripping means on both sides.

34. (New) The transport container in accordance with Claim 33, characterized in that the displaceable element is designed as a frame body that is essentially rectangular, the width of the said frame body corresponding to the width of the side wall in which the displaceable element is accommodated.

35. (New) The transport container in accordance with Claim 34, characterized in that fastener is made as a single piece from plastic material.

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